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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report has been called for from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards. The matter will be examined on receipt of the report of the Inspector.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Are the Government aware that the elections to certain wards in this panchayat have not been held because nobody came forward on account of the fact that this bifurcation was pending? If so, will the Government take steps to expedite the disposal of the matter?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Yes, Sir, the Government received such complaints. On account of that, the Inspector has been asked to look into the matter and examine the situation now.

High Court Judgment in a criminal revision case

* 126 Q.—K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of SRI A. A. RASHEED) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to any structures passed by the High Court, Madras, on the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities in connection with the disposal of a criminal revision case recently; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the officer?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the High Court judgment in Criminal Revision Case No. 187 of 1958 was received by the Government and no further action is proposed to be taken in the matter.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know under what circumstances the High Court passed the structures against the concerned Officer? What was the fault committed by the Officer?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : A separate question may be put, Sir.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : May I know whether a copy of the judgment will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I do not think there is necessity for placing it on the table of the House.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : May I know why the Government decided to take no action against the concerned officer?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Because, the Government considered that the Officer, in his own way, examined the case and he thought that what he did was just. Even before the judgment was given, the Law Department was consulted and the Home Department was also consulted and everybody thought that it was right. Therefore, the Government thought that there was no necessity to take any action against the Officer.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Even though it may not be possible to place a copy of the judgment on the table of the House, may I know the gist of the structures?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: A separate question may be asked, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Do the Government feel that the judgment given by the High Court is wrong?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: No, Sir. The Government do not say that it is wrong or right. But, the Government consider that what the Officer did was right.

Grant to Tiruchirappalli District Board for school buildings

* 196 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Tiruchirappalli District Board applied for grant for payment of 25 per cent contribution towards the construction of buildings for District Board schools under the Local Development Schemes;

(b) the amount of grant applied for and the amount sanctioned; and

(c) the reason for the delay in sanctioning the grant?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (a) The District Board has applied for a grant of various works, including construction of buildings for schools, taken up under Local Development, N.E.S. and Community Projects Works Programmes.

(b) The amount of grant applied for is Rs. 2,10,595 for 1956-57 and Rs. 87,850 for 1958-59.

The amount of grant sanctioned is 'Nil' for 1956-57 and Rs. 87,850 for 1958-59;

The amount of grant sanctioned is 'Nil' for 1956-57 and Rs. 87,850 for 1958-59;

(c) For 1956-57 the District Board was not eligible for any grant. For 1958-59 the application was received in February 1959 and orders sanctioning the grant were issued in March 1959.